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Rising to the Occasion



Dear Friends,

The hurricane season this year has affected millions of people and devastated southern states and countries in the Caribbean. Although Rhode Island was spared by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, our state is still dealing with the aftermath of past natural disasters, including Superstorm Sandy. October marks the fifth anniversary of Sandy, and it's been a long road to recovery here. As we reflect on the damage caused throughout the northeast by that massive storm, we must also acknowledge the need to improve the resiliency of our critical infrastructure.

Thankfully, Rhode Island is making good progress. [I visited the Scarborough Wastewater Treatment Facility in Narragansett](#), which was recently upgraded to withstand stronger storms. The improvements anticipate the effects of climate change, as the new flood barrier has been built to mitigate the higher floodwaters that come with sea level rise. With federal funds through the Community Development Block Grant Program, the rehabilitation of the wastewater treatment facility was made a reality and will allow the

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As flu season begins, the Rhode Island Department of Health can help you find a clinic offering vaccinations. >>

FAST FACT

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity and safe online practices. >>

In Other News

LUNCH ON BLOCK ISLAND

Rep. Langevin hosted his quarterly Lunch with Langevin on Block Island

Town of Narragansett to sustain operations throughout a severe storm.

Last month, I also [attended the announcement of Rhode Island's first ever State Resiliency Officer](#), Shaun O'Rourke. Mr. O'Rourke will be responsible for developing a strategy to protect our state from natural disasters and to ensure we are able to quickly recover when we find ourselves in the eye of the storm. I applauded the Governor's decision to create this position, which is in line with legislative efforts I have led to make sure our military bases and personnel are prepared for the effects of climate change.

Going forward, we must continue to innovate. That means changing our hazard planning to reflect the realities of a changing climate. It means working together to shrink our environmental footprint and to reduce our contribution to global warming. And, when the worst does happen, it means [stepping up to provide relief](#) to those whose lives have been turned upside down. I am so proud of the many Rhode Islanders who have gone to Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico to assist their fellow Americans, and I will continue to support federal funds to provide immediate support to families who are rebuilding their lives.

Keep up with my work in D.C. and Rhode Island through [my website](#) and [blog](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

Jim Langevin



Proper Notification

As many as 145 million people had personal data exposed in the recent breach of the credit reporting firm Equifax. In the wake of the incident, I have found Equifax's lack of transparency to be extremely troubling, and I have heard from many constituents asking whether they were affected. In order to bring clarity to future such breaches, I reintroduced the [Personal Data Notification and Protection Act](#). This bill would replace a confusing patchwork of 48 state laws with a single federal standard for notification after a breach.

and caught up with *The Block Island Times* afterward. >>

BREAKING GROUND

Rep. Langevin celebrated the groundbreaking of the Wexford Innovation Complex, located in the Innovation & Design District in Downtown Providence. >>

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Rep. Langevin opposed the combined Fiscal Year 2018 spending bill because it contains cuts to programs Rhode Islanders rely on. >>

HITTING THE TRAILS

Rep. Langevin joined local and state leaders to celebrate the opening of the Richmond Heritage Trail, a great addition to outdoor recreation in RI. >>

MEDICARE FOR ALL

Rep. Langevin cosponsored H.R. 676, the Medicare for All Act, which would achieve universal health coverage through a single payer system. >>

RI'S PREPAREDNESS

Rep. Langevin joined his colleagues in the federal delegation to announce \$8 million in federal funds to improve security and disaster preparedness in Rhode Island. >>

KEYWORDS

Rep. Langevin spoke with *The Wall Street Journal's* Christopher Mims for his *Keywords* column to discuss ways to improve consumer cybersecurity. >>



Protecting Elections

As Rhode Island's former Secretary of State, I have a thorough understanding of some of the unique challenges election officials face in securing voting systems. This issue is particularly timely given the unprecedented interference campaign Russia waged during the last presidential election. I recently joined Rep. Mark Meadows to introduce the [Protecting the American Process for Election Results \(PAPER\) Act](#), a bill that would provide assistance to state and local leaders to strengthen the cybersecurity of their elections.

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